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County Diplomats.

County Superintendent Thomas, assisted by the members of the examining board, completed the list of county graduates on Saturday and there are the usual number of "glad and sad" students. The percentage of failures, however, is down to the minimum. Charley Welsh of Hazelton has the distinction of receiving the highest grade in the county. His average is 94.5. The total number of graduates is 83, and they are now eligible to enter the county high school, having completed the common school or eighth grade course. Those to whom diplomas have been issued are as follows:

MEDICINE LODGE
Ralph Axline, Susie Mills
Edna Ball, Gussie Palmer
Robt. Balding, Harley Reeves
Milton Case, Mae Purdy
Mary DeWitt, Stacia Parsons
Bertha English, Mary Swartz
Esther Fair, Frances Shaw
Rose Gant, Roscoe Seiling
Alta Gibbs, Mae Totton
Geo. Hann, Marie Thomas
Allen Hubbard, Bessie Wright
Walter Kritzinger, Eugenia Winter
Gordon Lindley, Sarah Kinkaid
Oliver Murphy, Theresa Kumborg
Lloyd Mitchell, Ona Axtell
Ruth Major, Harold Hall
Ella Moffett, Eugene Rogers
Geo. Groendyke, Lloyd Lonker
Stella Shanks, Mary Page
Frank McClain

KIOWA
John Wright, Arthur Whitton
Carl Shklar, Seville VanHook
Della Guler, Hazel Salmon
Allen Lewis, Tessa Belle Pearl
Ethel Perry, Florence Burgess
Elizabeth Ricks, Allen Dickey
Sallie Skidmore

SHARON
Floyd Drury, Ollie Spangler
Aaron Rogers, Myrtle McKeever
Lazlo Byers, Blanche Beauchamp
Lillie Gordon, Louis Fletcher

ISABEL
Ralph Campbell, Mark Carter
Paul Tacker, Ray Ball

LAKE CITY
Cella Mills, Nellie Roark
James Roark, Eva Bolser
Clyde Campbell, Roy Mills
Mary Mills, Lois Bradney

Ray Massey, Sun City
Edward Kernohan, Nashville
Edna Hord, Nashville
Mary Cooke, Deerhead
Florence Welsh, Hazelton
Charley Welsh, Hazelton
Geo. Sterling, Hardtner
Ray Little, Hardtner
Olive Wright, Sawyer
Elva Wise, Sawyer
Charley Wise, Sawyer, Kansas.

The graduating exercises will be held in the opera house in this city, Monday evening, June 14th. President Joseph Hill of the State Normal, Emporia, has been secured to make the class address.

Hardesty—Stewart

A very pretty wedding occurred at the residence of Dr. Heppie, pastor of the First M. E. church of Wichita, at three o'clock Wednesday, May 26, 1909, uniting in marriage Mr. Will Hardesty and Miss Louise Stewart, both of Hazelton, Kansas.

The bride was attractively gowned in beautiful white satin princess trimmed in Val lace and she carried an elaborate bouquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black.

Both are prominent young people of Hazelton, having grown to manhood and womanhood in that vicinity and they have acquired friendships dating back to their early school days which will endure forever.

After a short visit with their friend, Mrs. D. A. Morton, 234 Patti avenue, Wichita, they will leave for their new home that awaits their coming, in Seattle, Washington.

Among the friends who accompanied them from Hazelton were Harry Hardesty, brother of the groom, Miss Nellie Stewart, sister of the bride, and Misses Daisy Murray and Mary Alford.

M. A.

Social Club Reception

The Social Club gave the final reception of the season at the beautiful home of Mrs. W. R. Forsyth on Friday afternoon of last week. About 60 guests, including the club membership, were present. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Mrs. W. R. Forsyth and Miss Grace Williams, soloists, and Mrs. Major and Mrs. Griffin who favored the party with a piano duet. Miss Nell Sample read a humorous selection, appearing in costume. A feature of the afternoon was a musical contest in which Mrs. Griffin was the victor and was awarded the prize, a China plate. Light refreshments were served in two courses.

The out of town guests present were: Mrs. C. R. Scott, Capron; Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Kiowa; Mrs. A. L. Noble, Winfield; Mrs. J. P. Dobbs, Wichita; Mrs. R. H. Hall, Wichita; Misses Rachel Noble and Rachel Nixon, Winfield.

Rev. Imboden returned Saturday morning from a short visit in Hutchinson. The principal purpose of the trip was to attend a missionary convention.

Remember the concert at the opera house tomorrow night.

Played Poor Ball

The Anthony-Medicine Lodge base ball game played in this city last Wednesday was not as good as had been anticipated. Both teams played a considerable amount of "horse" and the score ran up higher than is commonly seen in league ball. Anthony won the game in a score of 15 to 9. The playing on both sides showed that neither team was at its best—the home team being out of practice and the visitors realizing that the occasion required no hard playing.

Axline and Davis pitched for the home team and Goddard of Kiowa caught.

There was one deplorable feature about the game. The crowd behind the catcher prevented the Anthony catcher from catching a foul ball while the home team was at the bat and he allowed his temper to get the better of him. He threw the ball at the crowd as hard as he could and came near hitting several. The crowd became almost infuriated and rushed toward the catcher and would have handled him roughly had not Sheriff Mathews interfered. He was struck in the face once before the sheriff came on the scene.

A ball player who will allow his passion to rise on such small provocation ought to quit the business. In this country where base ball grounds are improvised the crowds will collect, they pay their money to see the game and it is wrong for a player to purposely injure or attempt to injure anybody. On the other hand it might be argued that, as a visitor, the Anthony catcher should not have been so roughly dealt with by the home people, and there is some merit in the argument, but when men feel that they have been insulted and misused they naturally act quickly. It is hoped that the Anthony young man has learned a lesson. If he has, it was worth all the humiliation it caused him.

New Poll Tax Law

As the last legislature enacted a new poll tax law, and many people have not yet become familiar with its requirements, the following is given for the benefit of those interested:

"That section 6033 of the general statutes of 1901 be amended so as to read as follows: Section 6033. All male persons between twenty-one and fifty years of age who have resided thirty days in the state and who are not a public charge shall be liable each year to pay the sum of three dollars to the township highway commissioner or to the district, and the same shall be expended on repairs on the public road within the district in which such person lives. All the money so received shall be paid over to the township highway commissioner or the proper officer in the city in which the person lives, to be expended as above provided, unless the commissioners of roads and highways shall, when they meet, recommend that all such male persons shall perform two days' work or one day's work with team upon the highways in lieu of said three dollars, in which event all such persons shall be liable each year to perform two days' work of eight hours each, or one day's work with team on the public roads under the direction of the road overseer within whose district they may respectively reside, or furnish a substitute to do the same, or pay the sum of three dollars. Any city having a volunteer fire department may have the privilege of exempting the members of such departments from paying any poll tax."

Home of Chester I. Long is Sold

The Washington home of Chester I. Long, former senator from Kansas, and Mrs. Long, has been sold to Senator Fletcher of Florida.

The home was purchased by Mrs. Long and she held it as an investment until she sold it to Senator Fletcher. The place is a comfortable, but unpretentious brick house on Massachusetts avenue. Possession will not be given up until the end of the school year, June 25, when the family will remove to Medicine Lodge, Kans.—Topeka Capital.

Shall We Celebrate?

There is a strong sentiment among the people of the city for a Fourth of July celebration this year. There has been no celebration in the county seat town for many years and the time seems to be ripe to have one.

If, however, it is determined to celebrate it is time to begin, and those who are most interested should start the ball rolling.

So far there has been no agitation for a celebration in any of the towns in close proximity and if our business men start early, the town would probably have a clear field.

LATER. Since the foregoing article was put into type, J. M. Emory has undertaken to solicit funds and is succeeding remarkably well and a celebration is practically ensured.

Personal Valuations

As returned by the deputy assessors and compiled by the county assessor, June 1, 1909, compared with valuations of 1908:

	1908	1909
Aetna	\$168,124	\$182,356
Cedar	141,697	144,880
Deerhead	55,292	76,880
Bagle	136,705	183,683
Elm Mills	138,295	150,273
Elwood	195,880	276,137
Hazelton	143,620	137,964
Hazelton City	118,340	146,975
Kiowa	203,295	175,447
Kiowa City	450,915	554,618
Lake City	214,678	287,934
Medford	77,430	88,805
Medicine Lodge	374,311	466,281
Medicine Lodge city	390,115	485,865
Mingona	128,960	150,600
Moore	143,410	197,000
Nippawalla	138,750	163,425
Sharon	205,370	259,859
Sharon city	93,818	158,489
Sun City	83,745	122,905
Turkey Creek	107,375	87,776
Valley	237,660	289,489

The increase or decrease by townships and cities, in amounts and per cent, is as follows. Only three townships show a decrease:

	Increase	pc Inc	Dec	pc D
Aetna	19,232	11		
Cedar	3,212	2		
Deerhead	20,588	35		
Bagle	44,978	32		
Elm Mills	41,972	30		
Elwood	60,257	30		
Hazelton	24,678	17	5,656	63
Hazelton City	28,635	24		
Kiowa	94,673	20	27,848	13
Kiowa City	73,276	34		
Lake	11,175	14		
Medford	87,970	23		
Med. Lodge City	75,750	19		
Mingona	21,640	16		
Moore	53,590	37		
Nippawalla	24,675	17		
Sharon	24,420	11		
Sharon City	61,670	65		
Turkey	61,800	21	19,599	18
Valley	51,820	21		
Sun City	37,160	43		

Concert Tomorrow Evening

No lover of good music should forget to attend the concert to be given at the opera house, under the auspices of St. Mark's Guild, tomorrow evening, June 3rd.

PROGRAM

Because I Love You, Dear	Hawley
Creole Love Song	Buck
Kerry Dance	Molloy
The Clang of the Hammer	Bonheur
In the Night	Nevins
Duet—Hail to our Mountains	Verdi
(11 Tractor)	
Mr. McNeal and Master Gillett	
INTERMISSION	
(a) Hark, Hark, the Lark	Shubert
Who is Sylvia	
(c) Du Ciel de Roi	
Flute Solo	Blumenthal
Just Because	Burleigh
If I were King	Armitage
Duet—Love Divine, all Love Excelling	Stainer
Mr. McNeal and Master Gillett	
Accompanist—Miss Viole, Kingman, Kans.	

Reserved seats first six rows 50 cents; next seven rows 35 cents; general admission 25 cents. Tickets on sale at Young's Drug store.

An Elaborate Birthday Party

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harbaugh in Nippawalla township was the scene of an exceedingly happy gathering on Sunday. The occasion of the event was Mrs. Harbaugh's 44th birthday and to make it the more interesting and unique, it was planned and executed without previous notice to the guests by complete surprise and it required some little time until she recovered sufficiently to enter into the full enjoyment of the day's pleasures.

The feature of the party was a dinner. Our versatility is far too frail to picture this feast in words but it will suffice to say that it included all the delicacies that farm and garden can produce and that money could buy, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of invited guests. Covers were laid for 110, which came very near including the entire neighborhood and several from a distance. Mrs. G. A. Harbaugh of Alva; Fred Gronemier, brother of Mrs. Harbaugh, from Capron, Ok., and U. S. Landis and family of Kiowa, were the guests from a distance.

The ladies of the neighborhood prepared the dinner in advance and brought it to Mrs. Harbaugh's home to serve it, and the variety can well be surmised.

Misses Mary Page and Belle Groendyke have the honor of having so successfully directed this social event and they are to be congratulated on their rare skill.

Adams & Co. are moving their furniture stock into the opera block today where they will do business, awaiting the removal of the old building on the corner of Main and Kansas avenue and rebuilding a new and larger concrete building. Contractor Hayes will begin the work at once.

District Court

The jury in the case of Mrs. Burns vs. The A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co., brought in a verdict last Wednesday night finding for the defendant—the company. This is the case in which Wilburn Burns and wife lost their lives in fording a pond of water in the public road, accumulated by reason of a railroad embankment, the mother suing for damage, as stated last week. The jury held that Burns was negligent in driving into the water.

The case of Riley Lake vs. the school board of Lake City was tried Wednesday afternoon before the following jury:

M. M. Keithley	Ed Adams
Amos Ash	Spencer McKean
S. P. Wilson	Tosca Richards
Wm. Schmidt	Chas. Deter
Frank Upham	A. D. Shaw
Henry Watts	John Zook

The school board condemned seven lots belonging to Mr. Lake, for a school house and grounds, appraising them at \$20 each. Mr. Lake asked considerably more and appealed to the district court. The jury fixed the price at \$26 each, which throws the costs on the district.

Seward I. Field represented the plaintiff and G. M. Martin the defendant.

The case of Riley Lake vs. A. J. Hargis was disposed of Thursday afternoon. It was an after clap in a case in replevin. Last summer each claimed a hog that was in Lake's possession. Hargis replevined the hog, giving bond for damages according to law in such cases, to reimburse Lake if the hog proved to be his. Lake won in justice court and then claimed damage against Hargis on the bond. A jury was waived and the matter of what constituted damage, in law, was submitted to Judge Gillett. It was held, in substance, that the expense entailed in defending title to the property was legitimate damage and Judge Gillett awarded \$125 to the plaintiff. Hargis immediately asked for a re-hearing. Seward I. Field represented Lake, and G. M. Martin represented Hargis. Judge Gillett overruled the motion for a new trial and notice of appeal to the supreme court was given.

The case of Cramer vs. McCann occupied the attention of the court Friday forenoon and part of the afternoon. It involves title in the Commercial hotel of Kiowa. Cramer holds title now, having procured tax title and conveyances from alien brothers and sisters of the late owner, Kate Cravens, deceased. Now come resident relatives and claim title and open up the judgment. After the evidence was submitted, counsel on each side made a statement of their respective theories, and agreed to submit a written brief to the court in 60 days. From the remarks made in court, it is evident that this case will be carried up to the supreme court, regardless of how Judge Gillett finally decides it, and when the litigation ends the hotel will have been absorbed in attorneys' fees, expenses and court costs.

Noble & Tinscher of this city and Ex-Archbishop A. A. Goddard of Topeka represented Cramer, and Samsel Griffin of this city and Harris Williams of Chicago represented the defendants. James J. St. Lawrence of Chicago, also a lawyer, is one of the defendants, having been related to Kate Cravens.

Another case of a similar character was entitled Dunlap vs. W. J. Sterling. It was a suit to open up a judgment. Mr. Sterling resides near Hardtner. He took out a tax deed to a quarter section of land some years ago and the original owner and heirs now come in and make a tender and demand the land. There are some intricate questions involved in the case and Judge Gillett has taken the matter under advisement. Each party was given 30 days to submit written briefs. The defendant is represented by Noble & Tinscher and the plaintiffs by Seward I. Field and Frank Macy, the latter residing at Liberal.

Ed Newkirk and Walter Wallace who were found guilty of petit larceny at the beginning of the term, were fined \$100 each, no jail sentence being imposed on either. Sentence was pronounced on Friday. They settled with the clerk immediately. This is the final chapter in the unfortunate taking of small articles of goods by Wallace, from several of our merchants last November, and Newkirk being with him at the time could not escape suffering with him. The return of Wallace and giving himself up, voluntarily, after he had successfully gotten out of the country, and the very grave doubt of Newkirk's guilt, had probably much to do with Judge Gillett's decision to impose a fine without a jail sentence.

Edith Boots of Isabel was granted a divorce from M. G. Boots on the grounds of desertion. There are two children, aged 4 and 6 years. They are now in custody of the mother. The court will make a final order as to their disposition later.

The case of Wholford vs. John Dunham was dismissed on motion of

plaintiff. This was an appeal from justice court from Isabel and was an ejectment suit. Dunham defeated Wholford in the lower court and Wholford appealed but on second thought did not follow it up.

Rupp vs. Miller, judgment quieting title, and G. M. Long, L. M. Tucker and Roy Streeter appointed to partition land. Other titles quieted were Olds vs. McClung, Finley Bros. vs. Poole and J. W. Brown vs. Wallace.

Court took a recess Friday evening until July 1st when a number of court cases will be disposed of.

Alfalfa In Barber County

In addition to having furnished at different times one member in the United States senate and four, five or six members of congress, also Carrie Nation, it now seems to be reasonably certain that about the first alfalfa grown in Kansas was grown down in Barber county.

The writer went to Barber county in the spring of 1879. We think that it was the next year that we were shown some alfalfa stalks grown on the ranch (nobody in those days talked about a farm in Barber county) of J. P. Hall. Mr. Hall said that it was great stuff and would grow when almost everything else would dry up but for some reason or other his neighbors didn't seem to get excited over it a bit.

For several seasons Hall's alfalfa field was the only one we knew of in the county. He had as much as 20 or 25 acres and it was a beautiful sight when in bloom, often at times when the buffalo grass was dry and brown. We think the same field is still in alfalfa which shows that the grass does not run out.

If the farmers of Kansas had gone into the business of raising alfalfa on as big a scale as they do now at the time J. P. Hall commenced to raise it in Barber county there would be 150 millions more money in the Kansas banks than there is at the present writing and the traveler couldn't get out of hearing of the toot of an automobile anywhere from the Nebraska line to Oklahoma or from the Missouri river to Colorado.—Tom McNeal in Mail & Breeze.

Another Veteran Gone

William McNabb died at his home in this city Friday evening, May 28, 1909, after suffering many years from a complication of diseases that had their origin dating back to the civil war. The direct cause of death was paralysis but he was not entirely helpless until Monday preceding his death, although he suffered untold misery with rheumatism, kidney and liver trouble to such an extent that he was unable to walk up town for the past two years and for almost a year could not leave the house.

The funeral was held at the family residence, Saturday afternoon immediately after memorial services, under the auspices of the Grand Army. Rev. Imboden preached the sermon.

Wm. McNabb was born in Washington county, Tennessee, October 15, 1825, died in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, May 28, 1909, aged 83 years, 7 months and 13 days. He is survived by a wife and a number of children. The only children residing in this vicinity are George McNabb of Nashville and Ethel Freeman of this city. He was married five times, three wives preceding him in death.

The deceased served in the civil war three years and one month, having enlisted as a private in Company K, 17th Indiana battalion Infantry in August, 1862 and was honorably discharged at the close of the war September 2, 1865. He became a member of Eldred Post, G. A. R. of this city December 24, 1898.

Before being overpowered by sickness, he took a keen interest in public and commercial affairs and was of great value to the community. He was a man of strict honor and integrity and resolute in his makeup. He lived a faithful christian life, having been a member of the M. E. church for many years, and has richly earned the eternal reward into which he has entered.

C. C. Lewis and family departed for Prescott, Arizona Saturday—a few days later than anticipated.

J. M. Crouse shipped four cars of cattle to Thies & Co. of Wichita last week and got \$6.10. This is close to the top, and beats going to Kansas City for the small increase in price, when the shrink and additional freight is figured.

Mrs. A. E. Geppert, widow of George Geppert who lost his life in the historic bank robbery in the early days of this city, arrived Monday night to visit with Mrs. M. E. Cook and other friends for a few weeks. She had been spending several months in California and is now returning to her home in Allegan, Michigan. Her son, Frank, stopped here several weeks ago on his return home. He had also been spending a few weeks on the coast.

Good pure Shumach cane seed for sale. B. E. Wadsworth.

Musicals tomorrow night. Tickets on sale at Young's Drug store.

The best place in Barber county to buy shoes is at J. K. Richardson's, Ger-lane.

Attorney Fred R. Ellis of Lawton, Ok., visited his parents, Judge C. W. Ellis and wife, the fore part of last week. He returned to Lawton on Wednesday.

The board of county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization next Monday, June 7th. If you are displeased with your assessment, this is the time to make your complaint.

Mrs. W. G. Osborn went to Emporia last Thursday. Her daughter, Miss Cecile, graduated from the department of Music in the State Normal and Mrs. Osborn went up to attend the graduation exercises.

H. W. Stevens accompanied J. M. Gibson and wife of Isabel, via the auto route, to Dodge City the first of the week. Mr. Gibson is on a deal to trade his store at Isabel for some Ford county land. They will return home today or tomorrow.

J. S. Runyan of the Citizens Bank and F. B. Chapin of the Peoples Bank, attended the bankers' convention in Wichita last week. They returned with a full understanding of the new voluntary guaranty law but have not yet stated whether or not they intend to get behind it.

The Grand Army removed the large flag pole from the Citizens Bank corner to the Odd Fellows corner last week, in order to have it close to headquarters. This pole was donated to the Grand Army by the late Capt. Titus. It is a good one.

Wanted, in every town or township in Barber County (except the townships of Sharon, Cedar and Hazelton) a live, hustling agent to write hail insurance. Up-to-date contracts, good commission paid. For further particulars call on or address T. L. Lindley & Co., Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

W. L. Cushman of Wann, Ok., arrived Friday night and visited with friends and relatives in the city until Monday. Mrs. Cushman and the baby who have been visiting here for two weeks, with her mother and brother, Mrs. Stevens and Lawrence Stevens, returned home with him.

Hon. Steve H. Oliver of Wichita was here the latter part of last week on court business. In former days Steve was the political "it" at Kiowa, from the republican viewpoint, but for all his leadership, he never landed anything greater than a township office. Sometimes serving a political party pays, but oftener it doesn't.

G. J. Southworth received a message last Friday announcing the death of his oldest brother, in Sioux City, Iowa. He was unable to leave his business to attend the funeral, as his son, Otto, was in St. Louis, and Mrs. Southworth is in California. The deceased brother was 71 years old. G. J. is the youngest member of the family.

J. B. Romig and wife departed for their home at Lamar, Mo., last Friday. They have been visiting here and in Nippawalla township during the past six weeks. Mrs. Gronemier of Nippawalla is their daughter. Our people are a unit in hoping that this good couple will some day move back to the town to again take up their residence.

S. P. Wilson returned on Tuesday of last week from a visit with his son, J. K. Wilson, and wife in Medford, Ok. This was the first time S. P. met his daughter-in-law and he formed a fine impression of his son's judgment in choosing a helpmate. Jeff is manager of the Stewart lumber yard at Medford and is doing a tremendous business.

Mrs. Louie Wasson-Odell and little daughter, Miss Helen, of Topeka, are guests of Miss Bernice Woodward. They expect to spend several weeks in the city. Mrs. Odell's father was an instructor in school and normal work here and in Pratt in earlier days and Miss Woodward was one of his pupils. The families have been intimately acquainted since that time.

A party of Odd Fellows of this city went to Sun City last Thursday and took the Encampment degree that night, returning home Friday morning. They had a dandy good time and speak in high praise of the hospitality of the Sun City brethren. The party was composed of E. T. Chance, W. T. Collins, Kirk Collins, A. E. Herr, Geo. Metcalf, R. R. Froman, Ed Duncan and Bert Mitchell.